

**Amendments to the Claims:**

Please amend the claims as follows:

1-11. (canceled)

12. (currently amended) Knife holder for a knife tool head for holding chipping knives on a periphery face and slabbing knives on an end face, comprising:

a holder body with a mounting face for a chipping knife and an adjacent mounting face for a slabbing knife adjacent thereto and with an inclination; and

means for detachable mounting of the chipping knife on the chipping knife mounting face and the slabbing knife on ~~their respective holder body~~ the slabbing knife mounting face faces,

wherein

both holder body mounting faces have holder contact faces which are inclined with respective V-shaped cross sections, and

the means for detachable mounting fasten the chipping knife and the slabbing knife directly on the knives' respective holder body mounting faces, the chipping knife and the slabbing knife each having knife contact faces inclined in a V shape and arranged such that when mounted on the knives' respective holder body mounting faces, the knives' contact faces abut one another along the knives' respective inclined V shape contact faces such that no gap is formed between the contact faces as the knives' cutting edges wear.

13. (previously presented) Knife holder as claimed in Claim 12, wherein the holder body is designed as a one-piece part and means are provided for directly attaching the holder body on the knife tool head.

14. (currently amended) Knife holder as claimed in Claim 12, wherein the ~~direct fastening~~ means for detachable mounting include a single screw connection for the slabbing knife and one or two screw connections for the chipping knife.

15. (currently amended) Knife holder as claimed in Claim 12, wherein an angle formed by cutting edges of the chipping knife and the slabbing knife in a horizontal projection of the slabbing knife is between 130° and 230°.

16. (currently amended) Knife holder as claimed in Claim 12, wherein an angle formed by cutting edges of the chipping knife and the slabbing knife in a side projection of the slabbing knife is between 80° and 180°.

17. (currently amended) Knife holder as claimed in Claim 12, wherein holder fastening means are provided laterally next to at least one of the knife mounting faces of the knife holder for attaching the knife holder on the knife tool head.

18. (currently amended) Knife for a knife holder, comprising:

a knife having at least one knife cutting edge on at least one longitudinal side of the knife, the knife being arranged to be mounted on a knife holder for a knife tool head, said knife being mounted on the knife holder as one of a chipping knife on a periphery face and a slabbing knife on an end face, said knife holder including

a holder body with a mounting face for the chipping knife and an adjacent mounting face for the slabbing knife adjacent thereto and with an inclination and

means for detachable fastening of the chipping knife on the chipping knife mounting face and the slabbing knife on the ~~knives' respective holder body mounting~~ slabbing knife mounting face faces,

wherein both holder body mounting faces have holder contact faces which are inclined with respective V-shaped cross sections, and the means for detachable mounting fasten ~~secure~~ the chipping knife and the slabbing knife directly on the knives' respective holder body mounting faces, the chipping knife and the slabbing knife each having a knife contact face inclined in a V shape,

wherein

at least one transverse side of the knife has at least one inclined contact region extending away from ~~[[a]]~~ the at least one knife cutting edge end, a slope of the at least one contact region being adapted such that when mounted on the knife holder as the chipping knife or as the slabbing knife, the knife's inclined contact region forms a linear or area contact with ~~[[the]]~~ an adjacent

chipping or slabbing knife's inclined contact area, such that no gap is formed between the contact faces as the knives' cutting edges wear.

19. (currently amended) Knife tool head, comprising:  
a base body in the form of a truncated cone or cylinder; and  
a plurality of first knife holders mounted on the circumference of the base body, each of the first knife holders having at least one knife mounted thereon, wherein

the plurality of first knife holders are distributed around the circumference of the base body, the first knife holders being inserted in respective holder receptacles with at least one knife holder holding one chipping knife and one slabbing knife,

the at least one chipping knife pointing toward a lateral surface of the truncated cone shape of the base body and the at least one slabbing knife pointing toward the end face of the base body, and

the first knife holders comprise  
a holder body with a mounting face for a chipping knife and an adjacent mounting face for a slabbing knife adjacent thereto and with an inclination and

means for detachable mounting of the chipping knife on the chipping knife mounting face and the slabbing knife ~~on the knives' respective holder body mounting~~ the slabbing knife mounting face faces,

wherein both holder body mounting faces have holder contact faces which are inclined with respective V-shaped cross sections, and the means for detachable mounting fasten the chipping knife and the slabbing knife directly on the knives' respective holder body mounting faces, the chipping knife and the slabbing knife each having knife contact faces inclined in a V shape and arranged such that when mounted on the knives' respective holder body mounting faces, the knives' contact faces abut one another along the knives' respective inclined V shape contact faces such that no gap is formed between the contact faces as the knives' cutting edges wear.

20. (previously presented) Knife tool head as claimed in Claim 19, wherein a plurality of second knife holders are situated behind the first knife holders and offset in a circumferential direction defined by rotation of the tool head about an axis of symmetry of the truncated cone or cylinder shape, each second knife holder holding one chipping knife on respective holder receptacles of the lateral surface of the truncated cone or cylinder of the base body.

21. (previously presented) Knife tool head as claimed in Claim 19, wherein the plurality of first knife holders comprise two different types of knife holders configured to hold chipping knives of different lengths, further wherein the first knife holders are arranged in a preselectable regular sequence in a circumferential direction defined by rotation of the tool head about an axis of symmetry of the truncated cone or cylinder shape.

22. (previously presented) Knife tool head as claimed in Claim 19, wherein the slabbing knives of two or more successive holders, the two or more successive holders having chipping knives and slabbing knives and arranged on the knife tool head in a direction of rotation defined by rotation of the knife tool head about an axis of symmetry of the truncated cone or cylinder shape, are arranged in axially offset planes.

23. (currently amended) Knife tool head as claimed in Claim 19, wherein the at least one of the chipping knife and the slabbing knife on each first knife holder has at least one knife cutting edge on at least one longitudinal side of the knife, and at least one transverse side of the knife has at least one inclined contact region extending away from a knife cutting edge end, a slope of the at least one contact region being adapted such that when mounted on the knife holder as the chipping knife or as the slabbing knife, the knife's inclined contact region forms a linear or area contact with the adjacent chipping or slabbing knife's inclined contact area which maintains substantial contact between the two knives as the knives wear.